from another, by which order of extension they were able to
discover the space of two whole degrees at sea

In this sort they lay from 29th June to 3rd August, what time Captain Thompson in the *Dainty* had first sight of the huge carrack called the *Madre de Dios* The *Dainty* being of excellent sail got the start of the rest of the fleet, and began the conflict, somewhat to her cost, with slaughter and hurt of divers of her men Within a while after Sir John Burgh in the *Roebuck* of Sir Walter Ralegh's was at hand to second her, who saluted her with shot of great ordnance and continued the fight within musket shot, assisted by Captain Thompson and Captain Newport, till Sir Robert Cross, Vice-Admiral of the fleet, came up, being to leeward At his arrival Sir John demanded of him what was best to be done, who answered that if the carrack were not boarded she would recover the shore and fire herself as the other had done

Whereupon Sir John concluded to entangle her and Sir Robert promised also to fasten himself at the same instant, which was accomplished But after a while Sir John Burgh receiving a shot with a cannon perner under water and being ready to sink desired Sir Robert to fall off that he might also clear himself and save his ship from sinking, which with much difficulty he did , for both the *Roebuck* and the *Foresight* were so entangled that they had much ado to clear themselves

The same evening Sir Robert Cross finding the carrack then sure and drawing near the island persuaded his company to board her again, or else there was no hope to recover her And they after many excuses and fears were by him encouraged and so fell athwart her foreships all alone and so hindered her sail-

ing that the rest had time to come up to his succour Toward the evening after he had fought with her for three hours alone, the Earl of Cumberland's two ships came up and with very little loss entered with Sir Robert Cross, who had m that time broken their courages and made the assault easy for the rest

The General having disarmed the Portugals and stowed them for better security on all sides, now saw the true proportion of the great carrack which did then and may still justly provoke the admiration of all men , yet the sight of so many bodies slain and dismembered drew each man's eye to lament and hands to help